

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
November 8, 2000

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Jack Bainter  
Steven Campbell  
Amy Clem  
Mike Kennedy  
Sylvia Kiel  
Ralph Komasinski  
Betty Martin  
Rosetta Moses-Hill  
Dr. J. Douglas Nelson

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ryan Guillen

Chairman Bainter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held in Training Center, Room 6 at the Indiana Government Center South, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Secretary, Mike Kennedy announced that a quorum of the Commission was present.

Chairman Jack Bainter introduced the new representative from the Tenth Congressional District, Steven Campbell, and welcomed him to the Commission.

Mr. Kennedy mentioned that Mr. Ralph Komasinski's name was omitted from the minutes as an absent member. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the Commission meeting of September 13, 2000 as amended. The motion carried.

The Chairman invited a motion to approve the Agency's 2001-03 biennium budget request. Mr. Komasinski read a resolution to this end. The resolution (R-11.2000.6) was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Chairman Bainter then asked Mr. David Perlini to give his Executive Director's report. Mr. Perlini thanked the Commission for its support of the Agency's proposed budget. He said that he presented the proposed budget to the Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) and to the State Budget Committee. He said SSACI will need funding for two programs that were not in the last biennial budget; the recently enacted National Guard Supplemental Grant Program and the Mandatory Tuition and Fee Remission Programs for children of disabled veterans and of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty.

Mr. Perlini spoke about the lifelong learning and SSACI assistance. He said that the financial aid community has a growing interest about SSACI's operating statutes and philosophies and the evolving nature of education in two primary categories:

1. The growing diversity as to how educational services are actually delivered. The most significant example is the increasing provision of distance learning and how that might effect SSACI's operating policies and commitments over time; and

2. Eligibility issues related to the increased opportunities and programs directed at the concept of lifelong learning. He mentioned that the agency's 10-year eligibility rule was a good example of a policy that needed such review and that the agency will be asking for the assistance of financial aid colleagues in the review process.

Chairman Jack Bainter asked Dennis Obergfell to update the Commission on the Administrative Code Process. Mr. Obergfell discussed the state's rule making procedures. Chairman Bainter asked Mr. Obergfell to announce the proposed meeting dates for the 2001 Commission. Mr. Obergfell distributed a suggested calendar and mentioned that, if approved by the commission, will be posted on the Agency's web page:

Wednesday, January 10 (Ivy Tech State College-Indianapolis)  
Wednesday, March 14 (University of Southern Indiana)  
Wednesday, May 9 (Indiana Government Center-South)  
Wednesday, July 11 (Indiana Government Center-South)  
Wednesday, September 12 (Marian College/Indianapolis)  
Wednesday, November 14 (Indiana Government Center-South)

The commission accepted the calendar as distributed.

Chairman Bainter asked Dennis Obergfell and Nick Vesper to deliver the Grant Division report. Dennis Obergfell announced that the agency had just received its supply of 2001-02 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. He mentioned that SSACI Outreach Coordinator, Kathy Moore, has been working with members of the financial aid community to conduct high school counselor workshops across the state. He said that the workshops have been well-received by those who have attended.

The Chairman asked Nick Vesper to comment about the Part-Time Grant allocations for 2000-2001 and the National Guard Supplemental Grant Program. Mr. Vesper said this was the first year for the National Guard Supplemental Grant Program. He said that there are 480 students receiving awards in the amount of \$1,427,390. He commented that he believed the program has gone very well this year.

Mr. Vesper then distributed information about the Part-Time Grant allocations and stated the agency allocated \$5.9 million to the financial aid institutions for the entire year. He said a major change in the Part-Time Grant program to allow certificate students at Ivy Tech to receive the awards is expected to increase the number and dollar amount of awards issued this year as opposed to previous years.

Chairman Bainter asked Ms. Moss to give a report for the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program. Ms. Moss said that on November 3, the Scholars Program sponsored a lunch for the annual conference of the Indiana School Counselors Association. Over 500 school counselors attended and heard remarks by SSACI Executive Director, David Perlini. She said that on November 3 and 4, the Scholars sponsored a Scholar Parent Conference at the downtown Adams Mark that drew over 365 parents and that Mr. Perlini opened the conference with remarks.

Ms. Moss mentioned that the fifteen different workshops included topics such as Surviving High School and College; Asking the Right Question; Understanding Middle School Math; and What You Need to Know About GQE/ISTEP/CORE 40. Presenters included financial aid and enrollment specialists, community leaders, and the Indiana Department of Education. She said early evaluations are overwhelmingly positive. Ms. Moss mentioned that the conference consultant would provide a full report to the Commission. She added that the Scholar Program is proposing the enrollment of seventh graders in the 2001-02 school year, and that students will have the opportunity to enroll in both seventh and eighth grades with the major recruiting done in the seventh grade. The Commission will be provided with information on this proposal as an action item at its January meeting.

Ms. Moss announced that College Goal Sunday will again include the production and broadcast of an hour long special on financial aid to be aired over the 8 Indiana public broadcasting stations. Production is underway and the program will be available for air in mid-January. She concluded her remarks by mentioning that the Scholar staff is now at full capacity with the addition of Scholar Coordinator Kim Dangol, CIS Coordinator Missy Wright, and AmeriCorps Coordinator Vernal Edwards.

The Chairman asked Yvonne Heflin to report on the work of the Special Programs Division. Ms. Heflin gave the following report:

#### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS DIVISION**

##### **Past year's Summary**

##### **Current Year's Summary**

1999-2000 Work-Study Program

2000-01 Work Study Program

\$667,099.00 (1999-00 Allocation)  
~~-655,452.99~~ (1999-00 Disbursement)  
 \$ 11,646.01 (Remaining Balance)

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~~-473,736.29~~ (2000-01 Disbursement)  
 \$193,362.71 (Remaining Balance)

##### **1999-2000 Minority Teacher/Spec. Ed.**

##### **2000-01 Minority Teacher and Special Education**

\$436,076.00 (1999-00 Allocation)  
~~+ 70,000.00~~ (1998-99 Carryover)  
 \$506,076.00 (Total Funds)

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~~-438,011.00~~ (1999-00 Disbursement)  
 \$ 68,065.00 (Remaining Balance)

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~~\$120,544.48~~ (2000-01 Disbursement)  
 \$385,531.42 (Remaining Balance)

##### **1999-00 Nursing Scholarship**

##### **2000-01 Nursing Scholarships**

\$400,000.00 (1999-00 Allocation)  
~~-372,535.89~~ (1999-00 Disbursement)  
 \$ 27,454.11 (Remaining Balance)

\$400,000.00 (2000-01 Allocation)  
~~-144,765.73~~ (2000-01 Disbursement)  
 \$255,234.27 (Remaining Balance)

##### **1999-00 Robert C. Byrd Scholarship**

##### **2000-01 Robert C. Byrd Scholarship**

\$804,197.54 Disbursed for 536 scholars

\$456,588.86 for 528 scholars

##### **Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program**

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| Collection of Paul Douglas Funds for 1999-00 year | \$ 21,964.83        |
| Collection of Paul Douglas Funds for 2000-01 year | 9,825.45            |
| Previous Balance                                  | <u>\$152,459.55</u> |
| Total Balance on hand                             | \$184,231.83        |

Ms. Heflin said that special programs publications for the 2000-01 year are expected to go to print at the end of this month.

Chairman Bainter called upon Vikki Kelley, Director of Financial Aid Systems of Ivy Tech State College to give a brief report on College Goal Sunday. Ms. Kelley said that on February 11, 2001 College Goal Sunday (CGS) XII will insure that this 11 year-old tradition will continue. She stated that as part of CGS, financial aid professionals and other interested parties will conduct free workshops which will start at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to assist students and families to complete the FAFSA at 29 sites in 34 cities across Indiana.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved, seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Jack Bainter, Chairman

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Kennedy, Secretary

